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9. A composition of matter comprising an antisense oligonucleotide comprising consecutive nucleotides, the nucleotide sequence of which is set forth in one of SEQ ID NOS: 1-13, wherein one or more sugar of the oligonucleotide contain an -OMe group at its 2' position.
26. A method of promoting the regression of vascular lesions, comprising introducing into a vascular cell an amount of a composition of matter comprising an antisense oligonucleotide comprising consecutive nucleotides, the nucleotide sequence of which is set forth in one of SEQ ID NOS: 1-13, effective to reduce the levels of bcl-xL protein produced, thereby promoting the regression of vascular lesions, wherein one or more sugar of the oligonucleotide contain an -OMe group at its 2' position.
28. The method of claim 26, wherein the introducing comprises using porphyrin as a delivery agent.
36. A composition of matter comprising an antisense oligonucleotide comprising consecutive nucleotides, the nucleotide sequence of which is set forth in one of SEQ I NOS: 1-13, wherein one or more sugar of the oligonucleotide is modified at its 2' position.